

B. THE CLAIMS

37 (Amended). A surgical clamp comprising:

an elongate, one-piece, malleable hollow shaft including a distal end and a proximal end,
the elongate, one-piece, malleable hollow shaft being capable of being placed in different curvatures without the assistance of a positioner;

a tissue clamp assembly including first and second movable opposable jaws mounted at the distal end adopted to grasp, secure and occlude body tissue and conduits;

a handle assembly including first and second movable arms mounted at the proximal end;
and

an elongate actuator disposed within the hollow shaft including a first end operatively connected to the tissue clamp assembly and a second end operatively connected to the handle assembly such that when the handle arms are moved from a first relative position to a second relative position, the first and second jaws of the tissue clamp assembly are moved between an open spaced apart position and a closed tissue gripping position or vice versa.

38 (Original). A malleable surgical clamp as defined in claim 37, wherein the malleable hollow shaft comprises soft metal tubing.

39 (Original). A malleable surgical clamp as defined in claim 37, wherein the malleable hollow shaft comprises wound metal tubing.

41 (Amended). [A malleable surgical clamp as defined in claim 37, wherein] A surgical clamp comprising:

an elongate, one-piece, malleable hollow shaft including a distal end and a proximal end,
the malleable hollow shaft comprises a multi-lumen thermoplastic polymer tubing[, the elongate actuator being];

a tissue clamp assembly including first and second movable opposable jaws mounted at the distal end adopted to grasp, secure and occlude body tissue and conduits;

a handle assembly including first and second movable arms mounted at the proximal end;
and

an elongate actuator disposed in a first lumen of the multi-lumen tubing and the hollow shaft further including a malleable rod disposed in a second lumen of the multi-lumen tubing, the elongate actuator including a first end operatively connected to the tissue clamp assembly and a

second end operatively connected to the handle assembly such that when the handle arms are moved from a first relative position to a second relative position, the first and second jaws of the tissue clamp assembly are moved between an open spaced apart position and a closed tissue gripping position or vice versa.

42 (Cancelled). A malleable surgical clamp as defined in claim 37, wherein the malleable hollow shaft is capable of being placed in different curvatures.